C3,164:930-I/960/9

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Frederick H. Mueller, Secretary

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
Robert W. Burgess, Director

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LIBRARIES
NOV 1960

CENSUS

UNITED STATES FOREIGN TRADE

SUMMARY REPORT
FT 930-I

SEPTEMBER 1960

FOR RELEASE
November 16, 1960

IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States imports for consumption from $1,245.3 million in August to $1,159.1 million in September, reflected lower levels of imports of all the economic classes of commodities. The decrease of seven percent in imports for consumption from August to September is less if account is taken of the differences in workdays in the two months. The September 1960 imports for consumption total is about 14 percent below the September 1959 total of $1,349.2 million, but this drop is abnormally large since the September 1959 imports were inflated by imports made in anticipation of the October 1959 longshoremen's strike.

It was pointed out by the Bureau that the imports for consumption total for the period January-September 1960 was $11,161.4 million, an increase of about one percent over the $11,082.4 million reported for the corresponding period of 1959.

Imports of crude materials fell from $290.7 million in August to $244.0 million in September largely due to decreases in imports of individual commodities included in this economic class as follows: unmanufactured cotton, from $17.2 to $3.1 million, iron ore and concentrates, from $40.7 to $29.3 million; crude rubber, from $33.1 to $ 26.2 million; crude petroleum, from $83.3 to $76.6 million; and unmanufactured wool, from $7.9 to $4.6 million. The drop in imports of finished manufactures from $426.2 to $412.3 million was partly due to decreases in imports of newsprint, from $61.6 to $54.6 million; and agricultural machinery and implements, from $8.9 to $5.8 million.

The decrease in imports of semimanufactures from $248.2 to $234.5 million resulted from lower levels of imports of wood pulp, from $29.9 to $24.9 million; copper, from $26.7 to $21.7 million; and nickel and alloys, from $14.0 to $9.0 million. The decline in imports of coffee, from $91.8 to $87.5 million, was the chief factor in the drop in imports of crude foodstuffs from $142.6 to $134.1 million. During the period, imports of manufactured foodstuffs decreased slightly from $137.6 to $134.3 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped intransit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

USCOMM-DC

Prepared in the Bureau of the Census, Foreign Trade Division

For sale by the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C. Price 10¢, annual subscription $1.00
for both FT 930-E and FT 930-I

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: SEPTEMBER 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures.)

Economic class and commodity		September 1960	August 1960	September 1959	Monthly average	
					1959	1958
Total	value	1,159.1	1,245.3	1,349.2	1,248.9	1,061.6
Free	value	469.2	505.9	554.2	485.2	445.1
Dutiable	value	689.9	739.5	794.9	763.8	616.5
Crude materials	value	244.0	290.7	265.1	257.7	230.0
Hides and skins	value	4.2	4.9	9.2	7.3	4.5
Undressed furs	value	3.2	3.6	4.3	8.0	6.7
Crude rubber	1,000,000 lb.	74	89	108	108	89
	value	26.2	33.1	35.3	32.1	20.9
Copra	1,000 lb.	75,442	49,168	61,588	58,808	50,102
	value	5.5	3.7	5.4	5.7	4.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	13,335	14,919	11,656	12,640	11,543
	value	9.9	11.4	8.9	9.3	8.7
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	14,862	46,809	19,218	12,760	12,190
	value	3.1	17.2	3.5	2.1	2.5
Jute and jute butts	long tons	441	1,173	4,068	5,740	3,121
	value	0.1	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.7
Sisal and henequen	long tons	7,488	8,191	11,773	10,432	9,767
	value	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.3
Wool, unmanufactured, free (1,000,000 lb.)	actual weight	18	17	24	21	13
	clean content[1]	13	13	18	16	10
	value	9.4	9.4	12.8	10.3	6.6
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable (1,000,000 lb.)	actual weight	6	9	10	13	9
	clean content[1]	5	6	7	9	6
	value	4.6	7.9	7.9	8.4	7.1
Pulpwood	1,000 cords	183	135	149	104	114
	value	3.3	2.7	3.3	2.2	2.4
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	34,781	38,622	31,851	31,841	31,976
	value	76.6	83.3	69.6	72.2	78.3
Diamonds, rough or uncut	1,000 carats	103	64	133	133	94
	value	8.3	5.3	5.7	7.9	6.0
Diamonds, for industrial use	1,000 carats	1,401	997	1,018	1,089	839
	value	5.2	3.8	5.2	5.2	3.3
Iron ore and concentrates	1,000 long tons	3,070	4,299	3,800	2,969	2,296
	value	29.3	40.7	33.6	26.0	19.3
Ferroalloying ores	value	9.3	12.0	6.4	11.0	11.4
Copper (copper content)	1,000 lb.	7,261	15,223	4,197	6,700	16,884
	value	2.0	4.7	1.3	1.9	3.8
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb.	6,386	8,581	7,390	22,861	39,772
	value	0.6	0.9	0.7	2.3	4.3
Tin (tin content)	long tons	929	1,555	2,454	898	455
	value	2.2	2.9	5.5	1.9	0.9
Zinc (zinc content)	1,000 lb.	36,253	56,451	18,641	74,855	90,091
	value	1.3	2.2	0.7	3.3	4.3
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates	value	5.9	8.7	5.9	6.5	6.2
All other crude materials	value	32.2	30.6	37.7	31.4	26.9
Crude foodstuffs	value	134.1	142.6	190.6	151.9	161.4
Fish and shellfish	1,000 lb.	46,795	57,222	53,348	45,752	39,847
	value	13.4	14.6	12.9	13.5	12.2
Cattle, except for breeding	thousands	9	9	22	57	94
	value	1.2	1.3	2.6	6.8	10.8
Grains	value	1.3	1.9	3.4	3.2	4.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried	value	1.2	1.2	1.2	3.5	3.8
Bananas	1,000 bunches	4,395	4,943	4,085	4,518	4,064
	value	5.9	6.5	5.9	6.5	5.8
Cocoa or cacao beans	1,000,000 lb.	39	45	42	40	37
	value	9.8	11.6	14.4	13.7	14.4
Coffee, raw or green	1,000,000 lb.	260	269	403	255	222
	value	87.5	91.8	136.7	91.1	97.5
Tea	1,000 lb.	9,132	9,132	7,264	9,140	8,618
	value	4.7	4.2	3.4	4.3	4.0
Black pepper, unground	1,000 lb.	2,005	2,127	3,339	2,914	2,889
	value	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.6
All other crude foodstuffs	value	7.8	8.3	9.3	8.7	8.1

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
SEPTEMBER 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity		September 1960	August 1960	September 1959	Monthly average 1959	Monthly average 1958
Manufactured foodstuffs	value..	134.3	137.6	162.9	133.2	125.3
Meat products	1,000 lb..	68,358	93,534	107,903	81,209	70,817
	value..	28.7	37.8	41.7	32.8	27.9
Cheese	1,000 lb..	5,045	4,382	6,724	5,322	4,645
	value..	2.6	2.3	3.5	2.6	2.3
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb..	42,136	40,763	42,185	43,453	39,886
	value..	12.5	12.9	12.8	12.3	11.0
Fodders and feeds	value..	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.8
Cane sugar	1,000,000 lb..	735	709	913	756	772
	value..	41.3	39.5	50.5	41.3	43.3
Molasses	1,000 gal..	36,999	44,982	23,884	24,205	28,698
	value..	3.1	4.2	3.0	3.0	3.7
Whisky	value..	17.4	14.9	18.7	14.8	13.2
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value..	27.8	25.0	31.6	24.8	22.2
Semimanufactures	value..	234.5	248.2	274.4	275.4	220.2
Leather	value..	3.2	3.5	4.5	4.0	2.6
Bristles	1,000 lb..	248	304	353	303	200
	value..	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5
Expressed oils, inedible	value..	4.8	3.6	4.9	4.7	4.1
Quebracho	1,000 lb..	8,435	10,073	11,744	9,285	9,300
	value..	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.7
Wool semimanufactures	value..	3.7	4.8	5.0	5.2	3.7
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc	1,000,000 bd. ft..	345	371	315	339	283
	value..	26.5	29.0	27.2	28.1	21.8
Wood pulp	1,000 short tons..	199	230	192	203	175
	value..	24.9	29.9	24.5	26.2	23.1
Gas and fuel oil	1,000 bbl..	15,801	15,099	16,030	19,833	17,503
	value..	34.8	32.8	32.7	42.1	41.5
Asbestos	long tons..	50,299	50,510	52,007	48,928	43,706
	value..	5.0	4.5	5.0	4.6	4.0
Diamonds, cut but not set	1,000 carats..	74	60	101	77	60
	value..	7.4	5.3	9.3	7.2	5.7
Iron and steel semimanufactures	value..	16.2	12.0	23.3	23.2	7.5
Aluminum	value..	7.4	9.1	10.5	12.6	11.8
Copper (copper content)	1,000,000 lb..	70	86	84	62	56
	value..	21.7	26.7	25.4	18.6	13.7
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb..	23,022	51,126	21,308	46,556	61,159
	value..	3.9	6.8	3.4	6.2	6.6
Nickel and alloys	1,000 lb..	14,153	18,802	18,441	19,370	15,448
	value..	9.0	14.0	12.0	12.3	10.2
Tin	1,000 lb..	6,435	8,472	9,947	8,744	8,275
	value..	6.4	8.4	9.9	8.6	7.5
Zinc	1,000 lb..	33,656	16,525	25,257	27,583	31,111
	value..	4.2	2.0	2.7	2.8	3.0
Coal-tar products	value..	3.1	4.3	5.6	4.9	3.9
Industrial chemicals	value..	7.4	8.5	7.4	7.8	6.0
Fertilizers and materials	1,000 short tons..	153	66	215	158	128
	value..	6.2	3.0	7.5	5.2	4.9
All other semimanufactures	value..	37.8	38.7	52.2	49.4	37.4
Finished manufactures	value..	412.3	426.2	456.1	430.7	324.8
Leather manufactures	value..	10.3	11.9	9.3	7.0	5.1
Essential or distilled oils	value..	1.9	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.3
Cotton cloth	1,000 sq. yd..	38,823	37,632	20,349	20,031	11,750
	value..	6.9	6.7	4.1	4.3	3.2
Other cotton manufactures	value..	14.0	16.6	13.7	12.5	9.3
Burlap	1,000 yd..	83,259	59,544	76,141	80,623	70,910
	1,000 lb..	49,530	37,189	44,269	49,485	40,641
	value..	8.8	6.9	7.4	7.6	6.3
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures	value..	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.3
Wool manufactures	value..	17.6	20.0	16.4	14.3	10.9
Silk manufactures	value..	6.1	6.4	7.1	6.1	4.8
Shingles	1,000 squares..	216	242	91	178	178
	value..	1.9	2.1	0.9	1.8	1.6
Newsprint1	1,000 short tons..	429	486	462	437	407
	value..	54.6	61.6	58.8	55.5	51.2
Other paper manufactures	value..	6.7	6.4	7.6	6.5	5.0
Pottery	value..	6.3	6.0	6.3	4.8	3.9

See footnotes at end of table.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
3 1262 08587 0987

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES
SEPTEMBER 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity	September 1960	August 1960	September 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	19.0	18.7	31.2	28.8	13.4
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	8.6	9.3	10.0	9.3	6.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	5.8	8.9	8.8	14.1	10.2
Automobiles and parts.....value..	33.7	31.5	63.7	70.3	46.0
Other machinery.....value..	46.3	50.0	44.6	40.0	28.8
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	10.8	9.3	9.4	10.2	10.5
Photographic goods.....value..	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.2	3.4
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.1	2.4
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.4	2.1	3.3	2.4	1.6
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	6.0	6.5	6.1	4.9	3.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	5.7	4.1	6.0	4.7	3.9
American goods returned.....value..	20.5	17.3	26.2	19.5	16.6
All other finished manufactures[2].....value..	95.7	99.5	90.1	84.8	65.1
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[2].....value..	11.1	11.5	12.0	10.2	8.3

[1]Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.
[2]For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UNIV OF FLORIDA LIBRS
DOCUMENTS DEPT CC
GAINESVILLE FLA

ZF 0999 1